GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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INCIDENTS OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of cruelty to animals reported from various parts of the country are increasing over the years;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported during the last three years and the current year, State-wise, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960 was enacted by the Central Government to prevent infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering on animals.Prevention of cruelty falls in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and hence the appropriate law enforcement machinery are the State Governments/Local Authorities.Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI),the statutory body under the Ministry of Environment & Forests addresses all the State Governments to enforce the provisions regarding cruelties to animals and to book the offenders suitably.The cases as reported by State Governments/Union territories during the last three years and answered in Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.577 on 21.11.2007 are enclosed in Annexure.